

Jeff Zmuda, Secretary

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To: Juvenile and Adult Facility Residents and Family Members

From: Jeff Zmuda, Secretary

Date: October 29, 2020

Re: Coronavirus Updates

I hope this message finds each of you warm and safe given mother nature's gift of cold weather, and for many across Kansas snowfall, in recent days. I'm told this isn't unusual, but is a bit early for Kansas weather, so here's to hoping that also means an early spring.

Moving into late Fall and with Winter on the horizon we are seeing a surge in the spread of the COVID19 virus, particularly in facilities in the central and western part of the state. Work units such as Hutchinson, Norton, Ellsworth and El Dorado have experienced significant spread of the virus over the past few weeks to the point where we anticipate that by the end of this month, October will have seen us with about 700 or more residents testing positive for the virus and the loss of two additional residents. A great deal of testing and quarantining and some isolation is occurring at those facilities. As we have from the time the virus first entered our facilities we continue to utilize housing units as Lansing as the primary COVID Medical Units (CMU's) for our male population.

Much like what we are witnessing in the community, this trend in our facilities is concerning. The recent spread in our institutions is taxing our internal resources, as well as placing additional strain on resources in community hospitals that are being hit hard by the surge of the virus in communities.

I appreciate the efforts of everyone throughout the state to help mitigate spread of the virus. A lot of time and effort goes into testing, quarantining, isolating and transporting residents that have potentially been exposed, or have tested positive for the virus. That said, at a time and season when the virus is spreading as we are seeing and given the months we all have been living with the new reality of COVID, I sense many of us are experiencing a measure of COVID fatigue. The mitigation practices and personal restrictions associated with the virus can be emotionally and mentally draining.

Please hang in there. Now is the time each of us needs to double-down on our personal effort to do our part. Wear your mask, wash your hands and practice social distancing at every possible opportunity. Report any symptoms you may have and follow the guidelines established by Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) regarding restrictions, quarantining and isolation. Let's all do our part to thwart the spread of the virus.

Staff Positive Cases 10/28/20

- 5 EDCF staff positive (58 cumulative)

- 4 ECF staff positive (23 cumulative)
- 38 HCF staff positive (99 cumulative)
- 1 LCF staff positive (120 cumulative)
  - 2 LCF staff deaths
- 0 LCMHF staff positive (45 cumulative)
- 19 NCF staff positive (38 cumulative)
- 2 TCF staff positive (15 cumulative)
  - 1 TCF staff death
- 0 WCF staff positive (14 cumulative)
- 0 WWRF staff positive (9 cumulative)
- 5 KJCC staff positive (18 cumulative)

Resident Positive Cases 10/28/20 and Yes or No if Currently Housing Positive Residents

- 12 EDCF residents positive (577 cumulative) Yes
- 83 ECF residents positive (237 cumulative) No
  - 1 ECF resident death
- 279 HCF residents positive (911 cumulative) Yes
  - 1 HCF resident death
- 6 LCF residents positive (984 cumulative) Yes
  - 4 LCF resident deaths
- 2 LCMHF residents positive (342 cumulative) No
  - 1 LCMHF resident death
- 186 NCF residents positive (373 cumulative) No
- 0 TCF residents positive (12 cumulative) No
- 49 WCF residents positive (88 cumulative) No
- 0 WWRF residents positive (81 cumulative) No
- 0 KJCC resident positive (4 cumulative) No